

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

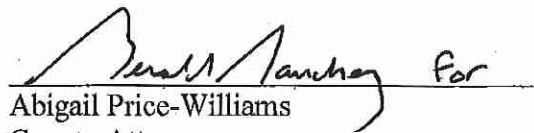
DATE: February 6, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to grant funding for the Together for Children Program; authorizing the County Mayor to receive \$1,320,000.00 in grant funds from the Children's Trust for the Program; authorizing a grant to the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., a direct support organization to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in the amount of \$523,949.00, inclusive of \$440,000.00 from the Children's Trust and \$83,949.00 in County funding for the Together for Children Program; waiving Resolution No: R-130-06; and authorizing the County Mayor to execute agreements as set forth in Resolution No: R-300-17

Resolution No. R-159-18

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Juvenile Services Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/cp

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From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Subject: Resolution Approving Grant Agreement for the Together for Children Program between (1) Miami-Dade County and The Children's Trust, and (2) Miami-Dade County, the School Board of Miami-Dade County and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached Resolution relating to grant funding for the Together for Children Program (Program or Together for Children). Additionally, it is further recommended that the Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into an Agreement between: (1) Miami-Dade County (County) and The Children's Trust (The Trust) that authorizes the County to receive \$1,320,000.00 in grant funds from The Trust for the Program for a period of 18 months; and (2) Miami-Dade County, the School Board of Miami-Dade County (MDCPS) and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. (Foundation), a direct support organization to MDCPS, that authorizes the County to grant up to \$523,949.00, inclusive of \$440,000.00, which is a portion of the funds received from The Trust prorated for a six-month period, and \$83,949.00 in County funding, to the Foundation for the Program. Approval to expend the \$880,000.00 balance from The Children's Trust, as well as County funding, will be requested at a later date. The Children's Trust approved its grant on January 17, 2018. Additionally, the agreement between the County and MDCPS expired on January 31, 2018 and the new agreement starts on February 1, 2018; pending County approval. Therefore, it is also recommended that this Board waive the provisions of Resolution No. R-130-06, which prohibits placement of an item seeking approval of a contract and authority to execute same on a County Commission or committee agenda until the underlying contract is completely negotiated, in final form, and executed by all non-County parties. Finally, it is recommended that this Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute agreements to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in substantially the form as those previously approved by the Board in Exhibits A and B to Resolution No. R-300-17.

SCOPE

The impact to Miami-Dade County for the provision of these services is countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County for the provision of these services is \$83,949.00 from the general fund. Additionally, \$440,000.00 in grant funds from The Trust will also be granted to the Foundation for a total amount of \$523,949.00. MDCPS and the Foundation shall operate the Program and provide in-kind program support. At a later date, Board approval will be sought to expend the \$880,000.00 balance of funds from The Trust as well additional County funding for the Program.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

Ann Stith de las Pozas, Executive Director, the Foundation, and MDCPS will be responsible for providing administrative program oversight, programmatic data review and invoicing, which are subject to review by Office of Management and Budget Assistant Director Daniel Wall.

BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-300-17, which authorized Miami-Dade County's participation in Together for Children, an innovative effort to address and curtail the epidemic of youth gun violence in Miami-Dade County. Together for Children is a collaboration between government, education, business, law enforcement, and criminal justice entities, along with community-based organizations, individual community members, and funding partners. The mission of Together for Children is to leverage resources, experiences, and ideas to create data-driven, neighborhood action plans to address, reduce, and prevent youth violence. Miami-Dade County, The Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., Together for Children's Institutional Partners, held the Program's inaugural meeting on April 20, 2016. Prior to the Program's commencement, several neighborhood planning meetings were held throughout Miami-Dade County with the Institutional Partners, where over 2,000 concerned residents, community leaders, and organizations were afforded an opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, explore the root causes of youth violence and suggest ideas to combat it.

Together for Children strives to break the cycle of youth violence plaguing the community by identifying and addressing factors that cause and contribute to youth gun violence, delivering targeted prevention and intervention services to children who have demonstrated or shown a likeliness of chronic absenteeism and their families, implementing measures to increase youth safety, and developing solutions that empower children and families, the most important of which is reducing the number of juveniles murdered in the County. The Florida Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set reports that between January 1 and December 31, 2016, 16 children/youth were murdered in Miami-Dade County. Likewise, during the same time frame in 2017, 15 youth/children were murdered. Although 15 juvenile deaths attributed to youth violence is significant, the Program's focus is to sustain the year-to-year downward trend of children/youth murdered in Miami-Dade County.

The County's and The Trust's total projected contribution to the Program through July 2019 is \$167,898.00 and \$1,320,000.00, respectively. Said amounts, prorated for a period of six months, would result in a contribution of \$83,949.00 from the County and \$440,000.00 from The Trust, for a total combined amount of \$523,949.00 in funding. The County's funding will be used to fund the One Stop Educational and Community Service Center, which provides transitional services assisting adjudicated students in their transition back to an appropriate educational setting that will ensure student success. In addition, the County and The Trust's funding will be used for the iAttend Truancy Prevention (iAttend) initiative. iAttend is a countywide systematic approach to reducing youth violence by identifying children who are most at risk and providing them with the necessary prevention and intervention services to increase school attendance. Specifically, iAttend will serve students at identified schools who have exhibited chronic absenteeism in past years. Meetings with the student, his or her parent/guardian, MDCPS staff, and possibly other family members will be held to, among other things, determine and discuss underlying needs of the student and his or her family that may be affecting the student's attendance. Upon determining that the student and his or her parent/guardian have additional needs,

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supportive services will be offered and plans to link them with internal supports and/or community-based organizations that can provide wrap-around services will be developed with the parent/guardian.

During Together for Children's first year, the iAttend initiative provided direct intervention services from May 1, 2017 through December 22, 2017 to 5,320 elementary school children, conducted a total of 542 home visits, and held 117 Truancy Child Study Team meetings. Services took place across the 33 schools in the identified Together for Children zip codes where youth are most at-risk of being perpetrators or victims of violence. Increased funding for the upcoming Program year will allow for expansion to an additional six elementary schools.


Maurice L. Kemp
Deputy Mayor

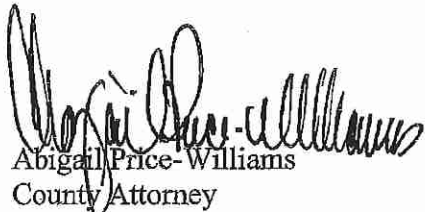


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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved



Mayor

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2-6-18

Veto

Override

RESOLUTION NO. R-159-18

RESOLUTION RELATING TO GRANT FUNDING FOR THE TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE \$1,320,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FOR THE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW EDUCATION INITIATIVES, INC., A DIRECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$523,949.00, INCLUSIVE OF \$440,000.00 FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST AND \$83,949.00 IN COUNTY FUNDING FOR THE TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM; WAIVING RESOLUTION NO: R-130-06; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO: R-300-17

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-300-17, which authorized Miami-Dade County's participation in an innovative effort to address and curtail the epidemic of youth gun violence in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the County partnered with The Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that is a direct support organization to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida Department of Children and Families, Circuit Eleven, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Circuit Eleven, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Juvenile Division of the 11th Judicial Circuit Court, Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office, Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, Miami Foundation, Office of U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida, United Way of Miami-

Dade, (collectively, referred to as "Institutional Partners") to develop the Together for Children Program ("Together for Children"); and

WHEREAS, research correlates chronic absenteeism at a young age to poor school performance and impulse control along with other early warning indicators, such as difficulties in school, struggles in social interactions, frequent involvement in violent acts and a higher probability for gang membership; and

WHEREAS, as such, Together for Children uses a data driven approach to identify and provide services to youth who are most at risk for engaging in or being the victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Together for Children is a true collaborative effort that has built on the work of previous collaborative efforts that sought to address youth violence through partnerships with the communities most impacted by youth violence; and

WHEREAS, Together for Children strives to break the cycle of youth violence plaguing the community by (1) identifying and addressing factors that cause and contribute to youth gun violence, (2) delivering targeted prevention and intervention services to children who have demonstrated or shown a likeliness of chronic absenteeism and their families, (3) implementing measures to increase youth safety, and (4) developing solutions that empower children and families; and

WHEREAS, during Together for Children's first program year, the iAttend Truancy Prevention (iAttend) initiative, the truancy reduction component of Together for Children, provided direct intervention services to 5,320 elementary school children, conducted a total of 542 home visits, and held 117 Truancy Child Study Team meetings; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2018, The Children's Trust authorized funding in the amount of \$1,320,000.00 to support iAttend, over the next 18 months, commencing February 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the increased funding from The Children's Trust will allow for expansion of the truancy prevention program to an additional six elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, authority to allocate a portion of the funding from The Children's Trust is sought through this resolution; and

WHEREAS, approval to expend the \$880,000.00 balance from The Children's Trust, as well as County funding, will be requested at a later date; and

WHEREAS, this Board also desires to continue to help reduce youth gun violence by supporting Together for Children and anticipates that this collaboration will continue to benefit participating youth and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board approves the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive \$1,320,000.00 in grant funding from The Children's Trust for the Together for Children Program.

Section 3. This Board authorizes a County grant to the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., a direct support organization to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, of \$523,949.00, inclusive of the \$440,000.00 in funding the County received from The Children's Trust and \$83,949.00 in County funding, for the Together for Children Program.

Section 4. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute agreements to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in substantially the form as those previously approved by the Board in Exhibits A and B to Resolution No. R-300-17, subject to approval for legal form and sufficiency by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office, and waives the provisions of Resolution No. R-130-06 prohibiting placement of an item seeking approval of a contract and authority to execute same on a County Commission or committee agenda until the underlying contract is completely negotiated, in final form, and executed by all non-County parties. Waiver is requested due to the time constraints, resulting from The Children's Trust's recent grant funding approval, the expiration of the previous program year, and the need for continued services which were scheduled to commence February 1, 2018.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	aye
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	absent
Rebeca Sosa	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: ***Christopher Agrippa***
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shanika A. Graves